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1. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING IN RESPONDING TO INQUIRY
CITED REFTEL:

A) IDB MANAGEMENT, LED BY PRESIDENT ORTIZ MENA, WILL
BE CONDUCTING ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH NON-REGIONAL
NATIONS CONCERNING CONDITIONS OF THEIR PROSPECTIVE
MEMBERSHIP. BANK STILL EXPLORING POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION
LEVELS AND OTHER DETAILS WITH EUROPEANS AND JAPAN WITH
EXPECTATION THAT FINAL OFFERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY IDB
BOARD OF GOVERNORS AT ANNUAL MEETING IN SANTIAGO,
APRIL 1-4.

B) USG POSITION CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF HAVING BANK
MANAGEMENT TAKE LEAD AND WE DO NOT WISH TO MAKE SEPARATE
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BILATERAL APPROACHES. THEIR NEGOTIATING POSITION BASED

ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS,
WHICH MOST RECENTLY MET IN JANUARY AND REAFFIRMED
PREVIOUS BANK POSITION OF DOLS. 500 MILLION AS INITIAL
CONTRIBUTION. FINAL USG POSITION WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL
CONCLUSION OF IDB'S FURTHER MEETINGS WITH PROSPECTIVE
MEMBERS JUST PRIOR TO ANNUAL MEETING. IT SHOULD BE NOTED
THAT USG AND LATIN COUNTRIES, THROUGH BANK, STILL STRONGLY

SUPPORT MINIMUM LEVEL OF DOLS. 500 MILLION AND CONSIDER
THIS TO BE REASONABLE INITIAL FIGURE. FYI - CASH
FIGURE IS COMPRISED OF CONTRIBUTION TO FUND FOR SPECIAL
OPERATIONS AND PAID-IN PORTION OF ORDINARY CAPITAL
RESOURCES. END FYI. KISSINGER

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